

NEW RELATIONSHIP TRUST OVERVIEW OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2026–2027



The New Relationship Trust (NRT) is a self-sustaining Indigenous-led not-for-profit organization with longstanding and demonstrated capacities in designing, implementing, and delivering grant programs to First Nation communities across B.C. and has delivered funding grants in such a way that honours and respects each First Nation as having their own unique structure, cultural heritage, traditional laws, and knowledge in exercising their right to determine and develop priorities and strategies most important to them.

The NRT is committed to making every interaction with First Nation communities an exceptional one. We challenge ourselves to think innovatively and in alignment with Indigenous values to create meaningful and lasting impacts to each grant recipient.

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NATION BUILDING

Focuses on providing funding to First Nations communities to support nation building activities according to their self-determined priorities.

Provides up to \$60,000 in grant funding per year.

BC INDIGENOUS CLEAN ENERGY

Focuses on providing early, capacity-building support to help First Nations communities from the planning to the construction phase of their local or regional clean energy projects.

Funding amount provided is project specific.

COMMUNITY ENERGY DIESEL REDUCTION

Focuses on providing funding to eligible First Nations and remote communities that rely on diesel fuel for electricity generation for their decarbonization projects at all stages of planning and implementation.

Funding amount provided is project specific.

FIRST NATIONS ELECTRICITY PROGRAM

Focuses on First Nations economic development through the advancement of small-scale, First Nation-led, on-grid clean energy projects.

Funding amount provided is project specific.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EQUITY MATCHING

Focuses on providing funding to First Nation individual entrepreneurs and community businesses.

Provides up to \$5,000 equity match for entrepreneurs, and up to \$25,000 for businesses.

BC INDIGENOUS CANNABIS BUSINESS FUND

Focuses on providing funding to First Nation communities and Indigenous businesses & entrepreneurs in B.C. to support economic development in the regulated cannabis industry.

Provides up to \$250,000 of capital contribution.



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EDUCATION (POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS)

Focuses on providing bursaries and scholarships to First Nation students to support post-secondary success.

Award amounts dependent on the level of the program of study.

EDUCATION (K-12)

Focuses on providing funding to Indigenous student classrooms from kindergarten to Grade 12.

Provides up to \$8,000 in grant funding per year.

YOUTH

Focuses on providing funding to youth groups in First Nations communities.

Provides up to \$8,000 in grant funding per year.

ELDERS

Focuses on providing funding to Elder groups in First Nation communities.

Provides up to \$8,000 in grant funding per year.

LANGUAGE

Focuses on providing funding to revitalize First Nation languages and support activities to create new fluent speakers in First Nation communities.

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